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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING IN-STATE DIRECTORS OF PRIVATE
OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 10a-22b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2009*):

4 (f) The evaluation team appointed pursuant to subsection (e) of this
5 section shall: (1) Conduct an on-site inspection; (2) submit a written
6 report outlining any evidence of noncompliance; (3) give the school
7 sixty days from the date of the report to provide evidence of
8 compliance; and (4) submit to the commissioner a written report
9 recommending authorization or nonauthorization not later than one
10 hundred twenty days after the on-site inspection. The evaluation team
11 shall determine whether (A) the quality and content of each course or
12 program of instruction, including, but not limited to, residential, on-
13 line, home study and correspondence, training or study shall
14 reasonably and adequately achieve the stated objective for which such
15 course or program is offered; (B) the school has adequate space,

16 equipment, instructional materials and personnel for the instruction
 17 offered; (C) the qualifications of directors, administrators, supervisors
 18 and instructors shall reasonably and adequately assure that students
 19 receive education consistent with the stated objectives for which a
 20 course or program is offered; (D) students and other interested persons
 21 shall be provided with a catalog or similar publication describing the
 22 courses and programs offered, course and program objectives, length
 23 of courses and programs, schedule of tuition, fees and all other charges
 24 and expenses necessary for completion of the course or program, and
 25 termination, withdrawal and refund policies; (E) upon satisfactory
 26 completion of the course or program, each student shall be provided
 27 appropriate educational credentials by the school; (F) adequate records
 28 shall be maintained by the school to show attendance and grades, or
 29 other indicators of student progress, and standards shall be enforced
 30 relating to attendance and student performance; (G) the applicant
 31 school shall be financially sound and capable of fulfilling its
 32 commitments to students; [and] (H) any student housing owned,
 33 leased, rented or otherwise maintained by the applicant school shall be
 34 safe and adequate; and (I) the school and any branch of the school in
 35 this state has a director located at the school or branch who is
 36 responsible for daily oversight of the school's or branch's operations.
 37 The evaluation team may also indicate in its report such
 38 recommendations as may improve the operation of the applicant
 39 school.

40 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10a-22c of the general statutes is
 41 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 42 *1, 2009*):

43 (a) No certificate to operate a private occupational school shall be
 44 authorized by the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, if (1)
 45 any principal, officer, member or director of the applicant school has
 46 acted in a similar capacity for a private occupational school which has
 47 had its authorization revoked pursuant to section 10a-22f; (2) the
 48 applicant school does not have a net worth consisting of sufficient

49 liquid assets or other evidence of fiscal soundness to operate for the
50 period of time for which authorization is sought; (3) the applicant
51 school or any of its agents engages in advertising, sales, collection,
52 credit or other practices which are false, deceptive, misleading or
53 unfair; (4) the applicant school has any policy which discourages or
54 prohibits the filing of inquiries or complaints regarding the school's
55 operation with the commissioner; (5) the applicant school fails to
56 satisfactorily meet the criteria set forth in subsection (f) of section 10a-
57 22b; [or] (6) a private occupational school that has previously closed
58 fails to follow the procedures for school closure under section 10a-22m;
59 or (7) the applicant school does not have a director located at the
60 school and at each of its branches in this state.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2009</i> | 10a-22b(f) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2009</i> | 10a-22c(a) |

Statement of Purpose:

To require private occupational schools to have a director with oversight responsibilities at each school and branch in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]